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EDITORIAL

THE POLL-TAX QUESTION

One major human weakness is that we are prone to be too enthusiastic in "taking sides." We like to think that something is either right or wrong, good or bad. We praise all those on "our side" and condemn, those on the "other side."

The simple truth is that many issues and positions are BOTH right and wrong. There are facts to support them and some facts to oppose them. Also, citizens who are hasty in pronouncing things either good or bad, or too hastily taking "sides." Frequently those who listen to "take sides" possess too much mental inertia to study both sides with that liberal impartiality which points to an ultimate fair position.

Such an issue is that of the poll tax. We hear people expressing the most biased opinions about the poll or capitation tax. To some it is a perfect solution to problems of the franchise and to others it is an unmitigated evil. Only to a third and minority group is it a Janus both of merit and demerit.

Aristotle called the poll tax "the most ignominious imposition, which none but slaves paid to tyrants."

In England more than 500 years ago Wat Tyler led the peasants in a bloody revolt against the poll tax.

All poll-tax requirements of any kind were finally abolished in England in 1663. But they were restored to the Colonies. The famous North Carolina Mecklenburg Declaration of 1775, forerunner of the Declaration of Independence, listed the poll tax as one of the grievances against the crown. The Revolutionary fathers abolished the poll tax as an important step toward democracy, and it did not re-appear until after the War Between the States.

Today, we are informed, only 8 of the 48 states have a poll tax.

The 1936 election showed that for the nation as a whole only 24 per cent of the electors voted in the poll-tax states as compared with 72 per cent in the remaining states.

We grant, so far as we are concerned, that all of the above is argument against the poll tax, and that it may eventually become possible for the remaining poll-tax states to do away with this device.

We say EVENTUALLY, because we are not convinced that it can safely be done NOW. In Virginia, for example, we have good government whose foundation is sound fiscal management. We fear that were the poll-tax abolished here that we would be forced to embark upon all manner of pension plans, and appeals to loose fiscal policy. To tamper with a successful form of government invites radical experiments and a cruise upon an unchartered sea. Virginia has an amazingly large marginal population, which by education and training will soon be ready to join the poll-tax-payers at the polls. The path toward a just solution is two-fold:

First: Correct the defects in the present system. Wholesale payment of capitation taxes should be punished, and punished severely. This is a major problem in Virginia. Unless we face it frankly and honestly, we shall surely be engulfed in a movement to abolish the tax altogether. We should get our house in order. In many parts of Virginia, it IS in order, and are pointing to condemning finger at them. However, there is so much smoke from the pot of payment of poll-taxes by candidates and friends of candidates, that we fear there must be some fire causing hat smoke. We do not argue that stimulation, of this one evil of the poll-tax picture will settle the issue. The question of its ultimate rightness or wrongness would still exist. But abuses of the poll-tax system are its opponents with deadly weapons which could well overcome its virtues, which are many.

Secondly, we should turn to the public school system as the means, and perhaps the only means of making ALL the citizens of tomorrow able to bear the responsibilities of free democracy. Low educational standards make a people prey to dictators and undemocratic institutions. Let the conditions which caused the Southern states to adopt the poll-tax be cured, and then we can do away with the tax. For many who love free democracy the poll-tax is a bitter medicine, but sometimes bitter medicine is necessary.

We believe that the Southern States are conscious of this problem and that no good could come from forcing federal legislation. We in the South can, and WILL, solve this vexing problem. But let it be done in an atmosphere of understanding of the true facts involved.

AN EXPERIMENT TO WATCH

(From Norfolk Virginian-Pilot

The Governor has signed the Miller-Colgrove bill making the jail penalty for second-offense drunk driving discretionary instead of, as at present, mandatory. It is an important change in an important law and the effects of it will bear watching.

We are not impressed with the argument that such judges are given an discretion to suspend jail sentences in more serious criminal offenses, they should have the same discretionary authority in the case of second convictions for drunk driving. It is the more serious criminal offenses that are the less likely to tempt courts to be unnecessarily tender about depriving a convicted person of his liberty. It is precisely because drunk driving, in most cases, lacks the aspect of wilful criminality, that judges are the more likely to respond to the artful pressures that influential individuals can bring to bear to escape commitment to prison.

More impressive—but not conclusive—is the argument that mandatory jail sentences for second offense drunk drivers lead to a large number of appeals from the sentences of the trial courts and to many acquittals by juries. If one could be sure that the trial courts would use their new authority to suspend jail sentences in second convictions sparingly, and only where genuinely mitigating circumstances support the suspension, there would be small cause for uneasiness about the change. But one may be reasonably sure that in many localities, political and other influences will be brought to bear to keep out of jail drunk drivers that have richly earned a term in the hoosegow. This danger will bear watching. Of one thing we may be reasonably sure: if the amendment leads to a plague of suspended jail sentences and no reduction in the number of jury acquittals in cases that are appealed, its uselessness will not be long concealed. In that case, it will be repealed with even less ceremony than attended its enactment.

WEARY OF FRYING PAN

(From Winchester Star)

Love for the Nazi fatherland appears to be on the wane, if the number of persons who plan to make their exit from that country is any indication.

The United States State Department has just announced that the total number of aliens registered for immigration, at American consular offices as of last June 30 was 309,772 from Germany proper. Since that date, it is reported, the total registrations from Germany have increased. It can be assumed that many thousands living in Nazi-subjugated Poland recently have signified their intentions to come to America.

No one truthfully can say that this widespread desire to leave the Nazi "paradise" springs from glowing accounts of the United States published in German newspapers. American democracy does not enjoy a good press in the Nazi domain, where all newspapers are under the dominion of Hitler. In fact, the distribution already published against the American form of government run into millions of words. Nor do the German newspapers minimize the "crime situation" in the United States.

It is fair to surmise that many Germans do not believe the press paper accounts stressing the decay and degeneration of the domain of Uncle Sam. Many residents of Nazi Germany have visited these shores, still more have relatives living in the United States and Canada. They are well aware that America is not perishing, and that it still the land of the free.

Those who do believe the lies about the United States and still desire to come here must have arrived at the conclusion that the free is to be preferred to the slow torture of the Nazi frying pan.

A BOOKLET ON BEER

In keeping with the American tradition of a free press open to both sides of public questions, we have published several paid advertisements of the United Brewers Industrial Foundation, of New York, in which the advertiser offers to send any reader a free booklet on the subject of beer. We have just read a copy of this booklet. We grant to any individual or group the right to state their side of an issue. We grant that traditional American right, does not mean that we have taken sides with them. We reserve the right to accept that part of their case which accords to us as true and to reject "hat which appears to us and should be classified as mere propaganda. The booklet in question, in all fairness, seems to indicate that the makers of beer realize that in order to stay in business they must hold the evils of the industry to a minimum. To that end they ask public cooperation to "clean-up or close-up" any offending places licensed to retail beer. The makers of beer realize that if the retailers operate "dives" that beer will eventually be banned. Surely that portion of their argument is sound.

Some of our readers will feel that it is impossible to make the sale of beer respectable. We respect their views. Yet we also feel that we are on safe ground when we also submit that so long as the sale of beer is legal and is a problem in our midst, we should welcome the efforts of this industry to maintain clean establishments and make it impossible for the retailer who operates an offensive place to stay in business. If you would care to read a copy of the booklet referred to above, write to "United Brewers Industrial Foundation, 21 E. 40th St., New York."

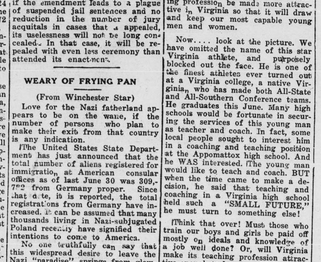
An Editorial on a Problem of Our School System

This is the story of the school teacher and coach that Appomattox did NOT get. And the story might be laid on the desk of the esteemed members of the Virginia General Assembly. It concerns all of our citizens and tax-payers, too, because not only the Virginia Education Association, but a ground swell of public opinion is asking that the teaching profession be made more attractive here in Virginia so that it will draw and keep our most capable young men and women.

Now.... look at the picture. We have omitted the name of this star Virginia athlete, and purposely blocked out the face. He is one of the finest athletes ever turned out at a Virginia college, a native Virginian, who has made both All-State and All-Southern Conference teams. He graduates this June. Many high schools would be fortunate in securing the services of this young man as teacher and coach. In fact, some local people sought to interest him in a coaching and teaching position at the Appomattox high school. And he WAS interested. The young man would like to teach and coach. BUT when the time came to make a decision, he said that teaching and coaching in a Virginia high school held such a "SMALL FUTURE," he must turn to something else!

Think that over! Must those who train our boys and girls be paid off mostly on ideals and knowledge of a job well done? Or, will Virginia make its teaching profession attractive enough to lure our BEST qualified college graduates?

Well, we join you in asking:.. WHO HAS THE ANSWER to this question will go far in Virginia in the next few years!



We've been sold BETTER HEALTH

Orange juice and tomato juice on the breakfast table! Spinach and salads in our daily diet! New, better, more healthful food for every meal every day! These benefits have been sold to us through advertising.

A few years ago we had oranges only for Christmas. Then growers started advertising the healthful qualities of orange juice. Prices came down to where all can afford this golden fruit as part of the daily diet.

For years a distinguished physician and nutrition expert tried in vain to get people to drink tomato juice. Then advertising took up the cause. In 1937, Americans used 5,750,000 cases of tomato juice.

The Roman Emperor Augustus and, later, Napoleon knew the value of salads in the diet. Yet salads did not become a diet habit until advertising began an educational program less than a generation ago.

These are but a few of the examples of how advertising has popularized health-giving foods . . . how it has led the march to the American Way of Living.

UPHOLD AMERICAN STANDARDS
...BUY ADVERTISED BRANDS
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IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL Lesson

By HAROLD L. LUNDQUIST, D. D., Dean of The Moody Bible Institute of Chicago.
(Released by Western Newspaper Union.)

Lesson for March 10

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GETHSEMANE: TRIUMPH THROUGH SURRENDER

LESSON TEXT—Matthew 26:36-46.
GOLDEN TEXT—Not as I will, but as thou will.—Matthew 26:39.

Surrender brings victory.

The world would say that our statement is not true; surrender is the mark of defeat. It is the final chapter in the story of struggle against impossible circumstances, against a stronger power, and basically of giving up to accept the bitter sorrow of subjection and sometimes destruction. But again we say, the way of strength is through surrender, for we speak of the spiritual realm and of our relationship to God. Here there is no victory until there is surrender, in fact, the measure of victory is the degree of surrender. Full submission to Christ means complete triumph for the Christian. The Lord Jesus does not ask His disciples to walk a way which He has not trod Himself. He went the way of full surrender to the will of God in the garden of Gethsemane. We observe five things about this way of "triumph through surrender." It was

I. A Way of Sorrow (vv. 37, 38).

He was exceedingly sorrowful unto death. It was not an easy thing that the Saviour did as He fulfilled the will of God the Father in the garden. We know that no man ever sorrowed as He did on that day, for only He bore the sins of the world. There is, however, a lesson here for us who are His disciples. If this is the road the Master trod, should not His servants tread it still? The way of victory for us is through surrender.

II. A Way of Self-Denial (vv. 39, 42, 44).

Self-denial does not consist in depriving one's self of some little cherished luxury. It means the denial of self, namely, that self-will is put aside and God's will is supreme.

It was no "easy thing for Jesus to carry out the Father's will and to go to the cross. He was submissive to that will; yet in this hour of anguish in the garden, when the unspeakable horror of [illegible] ahead almost overwhelmed Him, it means much to say, "Nevertheless not as I will but as thou will" (Olmsted). It may be easy to do, but by His grace we may say, "Thy will be done."

III. A Way of Loneliness (vv. 37, 40, 41, 43).

There were three disciples with Him as He entered the garden, their very presence rebuking Him very much alone Jesus was. There were twelve with Him in the upper room, but one went out into the darkness to betray Him, three came with Him to the garden, but only three of the garden with Him. [illegible] could get go all the way. He prayed and agonized [illegible] failed Him and slept in the dark hour when He needed their fellowship in agonizing prayer.

Alone? If the Master had to walk the way of surrender alone, no Christian expect that any other way for him. Only in surrender to God for every blessing of life and in walking, but let us not be discouraged if we are often called to walk with God.

IV. A Way of Betrayal (vv. 45-50).

"He is at hand who betrayeth me" "into the hands of sinners." One feels the tragedy of it all. Note with what peace and majesty Jesus goes to meet it. The betrayer has already been welcomed in communion with the Father, in submission to His will.

No one of us will ever be guilty of a betrayal as that of our Lord, but we do face similar crises from time to time in life of devotion to Christ. We do well to remember that the experience of Christ that we have overwhelmed by the treachery of men and that we prepare ourselves to meet it with the power in the will of God.

V. A Way of Divine Peace and Blessing (vv. 39, 42).

The way of surrender is a difficult and delightful way to go. Jesus came to this hour of decision, having been talking of sorrow, and of loneliness and betrayal! But even these things may become means of blessing if God is with us.

Though no man stood by Him in His experience in Gethsemane the Father was there. Jesus was with Him, prayed to Him, and in Him, yielded fully to His will. The result was peace and blessing. We read in Luke 22:43 that also came and strengthened Him.

U. of North Carolina wins Eastern Conference basketball title.

THURSDAY MARCH 7, 1940 THE TIMES VIRGINIAN, APPOMATTOX, VIRGINIA

Rocks News Items

Rocks, March 6.—A large crowd of friends and relatives gathered at Rocks last Monday to attend the funeral of their beloved friend, Mrs. H. Ranson.

Mrs. Sherman Garlinghouse spent Tuesday with her daughter, Mrs. F. McPhillips, of Hixburg.

Mrs. E. M. Almond, of Lynchburg and Mrs. Ella Moore, of Gladys called Cassie Baldwin Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Garrett and family were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Garrett, of Evergreen recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Fleshman, of near Evergreen, have moved to the home of her father, [illegible], of near here.

Miss Jessie Mary Ings spent several days at her home last week with her sister, Mrs. Woodrow Fleshman.

Mrs. Maude Ranson spent Friday afternoon with Mrs. Sherman Garlinghouse.

Mrs. Sherman Garlinghouse spent Monday in Lynchburg.

In spite of the rain Sunday night a large number was out to hear the Rev. A. J. Collins, Jr.

The home makers club met Monday for an all-day meeting in the home of Mrs. Sherman Garlinghouse. Mrs. Robert Roach visited Mrs. T. Anderson recently.

Spout Spring Personals

Spout Spring, March 6.—The Spout Spring home demonstration club met in the home of Mrs. R. H. McGuffin last Wednesday. Miss Smith, home agent, demonstrated and assisted the refinishing of furniture. A delightful lunch was served and a business session of the meeting was held in the afternoon. Two members were added to the roll. Games were played and we decided to meet in March with Mrs. T. J. Davidson.

Misses Erna and Evelyn Dickerson spent the week-end with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Noten Webb spent the week-end with relatives here.

The young people of the Methodist, Baptist and Presbyterian churches of Spout Spring, held a social at the home of Miss Vernelle Allen, March 4, from 7:30 to 10:30 P. M. Games were played and mints, delectable drops, cookies and punch were served. Miss Ethel Dickerson played the piano, and Miss Mary Batterton sang.

Those present were: Ethel Dickerson, Arthur Martin, Nancy Robertson, Junior Harris, Estelle Layne, Evelyn Cabiness, Florence Layne, George Almond, Nancy Dickerson, Ruth Martin, Annie Louise Robinson, David Cyrus, Jane Dickerson, Roy Moon, Margaret Moon, Dickerson, Dorothy Reynolds, William Layne, Edith Harris, Miss Vernelle Almond, Mooten Martin, Frances Martin, Hazel Moon Gilmer and Mr. Lamb.

Everyone had a grand time.

COLORED DOTS

The general public is invited to attend a fish fry to be given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Parnell on Monday night, March 18, at 8 P. M. The affair will be under the auspices of the Appomattox Improvement Association.

The regular quarterly meeting of the deacons and ministers union scheduled to be held at the Promise Land Baptist church last Sunday was poorly attended on account of rain. Devotionals were conducted by the secretary and the Promise Land choir rendered music.

Pre-Easter services will be held at the Galilee Baptist church on the third Sunday in March. The church junior choir will render music under the coaching of Miss Mildred Hart. A literary program will be rendered by the believers of the Sunday School classes at 3:30 P. M. Rev. Yates will preach a special sermon that day.

The county-wide musical contest will be held at the local high school Friday March 22 at 1 P. M. Each school in the county will take a part. The following rules were adopted by the teachers association: each school to render three selections; the groups may vary in size from 9 to 16; only Negro music will be sung; the contest to be judged on melody, harmony, effectiveness and interpretation; each school to enter a contestant for the solo renditions.

The East and West Bound Union will convene with the Galilee church on the fifth Sunday in March. Dinner will be served on the grounds to all delegates who attend.

The Junior and Senior classes of the Carver high school sponsored a social last Tuesday night for the benefit of the Miss Carver contest.

You are invited to attend services at the First Baptist church on Sunday. Sunday School at 10:30; preaching at 11:30 by the pastor,

Darlington Heights

Darlington Heights, March 5.—With cold rain and cloudy weather the past few days it is hard for us to realize that spring will soon be here.

Lee McDearmon Allen, 76, was buried at Douglas Presbyterian church last Thursday week. He will be missed from his home and his church. He leaves a large family of children and grand-children.

Miss Mildred Chernault, of Prospect spent the past week with her aunt, Mrs. J. W. Jennings.

Mrs. Clyde Thackston was the dinner guest of Mrs. Sam Andrews, on Wednesday. Mrs. Andrews, who has been sick for some time, is improving slowly.

Mr. and Mrs. William Andrew Baker spent the past week in New Smyrna, Florida, with their daughter, Mrs. Theo Jernigan. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Murl Kaiser and little daughters, Peggy and Beverly Ann.

Mrs. J. L. Metcalf, who has been ill, is much better.

Mrs. Mattie Franklin Simms, the wife of Sam Simms, of Petersburg, was buried as Douglas Presbyterian church on Sunday at 2 P. M. She was born and reared in this vicinity, where she leaves many friends and relatives.

J. H. Putney, who has been sick for some time, is much better.

Joseph Bell, of Richmond spent several days the past week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bell.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hamlet, of Charlotte Court House spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Foster.

The Darlington Heights R.F.D. club met in the home of Mrs. Mattie Carter on Tuesday with a good attendance.

Miss Pearl Foster spent Tuesday evening with Mrs. Sam Anderson.

Miss June Johnston, of Spout Springs and Jack Womack of the Appomattox CCC camp were recent visitors in the home of Mrs. Elto Womack.

Locust Grove

Locust Grove, March 6.—Mrs. Iva Lewis and Mrs. Willie Coleman spent Tuesday with Mrs. Eulelia Carnefix.

Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Beale and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Vinston Thornhill and daughter spent last week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Willie Beale.

Mrs. Etta Harris of Clifton Forge is spending this week with Mrs. Lula Beale. Mrs. Mamie Beale, of Prospect, also spent Saturday night in this home.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Beale, and children spent Friday night with his parents.

Mrs. Etta Harris and Mrs. Lula Beale spent Tuesday with Mrs. Janie Chernault.

Mrs. Ruth Robertson and daughter, Annis, Mrs. Irvin Robertson, and Mrs. Janie Chernault spent Friday with Mrs. Walker and Mrs. Johnnie Carnefix.

Rev. C. A. Marshall

Rev. Yates, Misses Harr and Stephens, R. Q. Lawing and family and Miss Modesso Tibbs were the Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hobart Watson.

G. J. Stephens spent the week-end here with his family.

Isaac Patterson is spending a short vacation in Baltimore as guest of his brothers.

Mrs. Brantely and Miss Hart attended the musical in Lynchburg last Monday evening.

Miss Faye Walker spent Tuesday evening as the guest of Miss Mildred Flood.

The Modernistic Club was entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. Q. Lawing last Friday evening.

Rev. Yates was the Monday evening guest of Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Stephens.

Peter Flood was elected captain of the local baseball team recently organized at the local high school.

"Build-Up" Good News For Suffering Women

Much of women's periodic distress may be unnecessary!

Many who suffer from headaches, nervousness, cramp-like pain, other symptoms of *functional dysmenorrhea* due to malnutrition are helped by CARDUI.

Main way it helps relieve periodic distress is by increasing appetite and flow of gastric juice. Thus it often aids digestion; helps build strength, energy, resistance to periodic disturbances.

Others find help for periodic discomfort this way: Start a few days before and take CARDUI until "the time" has passed. Women have used CARDUI more than 50 years.

Plans For Approaching Agricultural Census

Alexander Hudgins, district supervisor of the Census for this area, was in Washington March 4 to get final instructions for the handling of the details in the population, agriculture and housing statistics to be secured beginning April 2nd.

"Information will be secured as a result of this census to tabulate more facts than have ever been presented on any one subject by any nation in the past," said Mr. Hudgins. "No group has a greater degree of self-interest in the success of the Decennial Census of 1940 than has the farmer," he added.

"Agriculture as an industry has been in bad health for a number of years," declared Mr. Hudgins. "Just as a prudent person goes to his doctor for a complete check-up, the farmers will in the census of 1940 get the most complete study of their symptoms that has ever been made. Facts to be collected on the seven million farms will provide the farmer, the farm-loan, the government and students of the farm problem with a guide to the future."

"The nation as a whole cannot be fundamentally prosperous unless the farmer is prosperous," he said, "because the farms directly support 25 per cent of our population and the business of farming affects nearly half of all of our people. Besides being the producer of the nation's food supply, the farmer is one of the largest customers of the business man. The farmer's ability to purchase goods directly affects all business as well as their workers in the city. The farmer is one of the greatest suppliers of raw materials for industry.

"What changes throughout the world have directly affected the prosperity of the American farmer. Dislocation of world markets due to the wars and the efforts of foreign nations to make their own self-sufficient has made the American farm surplus burdensome by curtailing exports. Mechanization of farms has increased farm production while decreasing the number of consumers even on the farm. Greater mechanization in factories has reduced physical labor and the demand for staple food products. Lighter women's clothes have added to the cotton surplus, and reduced the physical labor has resulted in a per-capita decline in the consumption of wheat. The reduction of horses and mules from 27,000,000 to 15,000,000 in favor of tractors and trucks have made it necessary to find a market for cash crops from 30,000,000 acres formerly used to raise horse feed. The greatly reduced birth rate from 25 babies per 1,000 population to 17 means fewer mouths to feed in coming years."

He said, "the farmer is there to be confronted with the problem of adjusting his production to meet these and the new Census will tell him what these changes are. The Census figures will tell him where he is being overproduced, what farmers is being made to use more of his crops in industrial pasts. Industry has developed a fine statistics record which guides their operations. No one of the 1,000,000 farms will develop such a wealth of records for his own guidance because he has only his own figures. Census records of 7,000,000 farms combined is the only complete national picture of farm operations to tell the farmer which way he is going, and to provide students of the serious farm problem with the facts to meet this problem."

Mr. Hudgins urges all of the farmers of this section to cooperate with the enumerator so that a complete record of farm operations in this section can be made. He suggests that farmers acquaint themselves with the essential facts about their 1939 operations such as number of acres farmed; number of acres owned or rented; value of the production of each item; number and classification of all live-stock; quantity and value of all products including milk, butter, eggs and even the volume of foods produced and consumed on the farm. The enumerator will want to know the number of acres in use for each crop, pasture land, land lying idle or fallow, woodland, farms off of farm mortgage, interest rate, expenditure for feed, farm implements, automobiles, trucks, building materials and equipment fertilizer and gasoline.

Mr. Hudgins urges farmers to help them their county agents, many of whom are able to supply sample copies of the farm schedule.

Appomattox is a growing town!

Try a Classified Ad!

Play safe, drive carefully.

Appomattox needs boarders.

This newspaper was established in 1892

CONTRACT AWARDED FOR VA. PUBLIC SERVICE CO. NEW ADDITION

A contract to cover construction of the foundation and building for the new $2,000,000 addition of the Virginia Public Service Company's steam generating plant in Alexandria was awarded to the firm of Doyle & Russell of Richmond. The contract called for $350,000 and covers the sinking of 53-foot pilings, the foundation and the concrete and brick building to house the new machinery but does not include the cost of the machinery itself.

Work will begin immediately and, according to plans, the plant will be completed and tests made in time to have the addition operating by next fall. The cost of the completed 15,000 KWH addition will be $2,000,000 and will practically double the generating capacity in Alexandria.

The firm of Doyle & Russell is not new to Alexandria, having built the original George Washington high school in that city several years ago. Their wide experience in power plant construction covers several additions to government plants and an addition to the Richmond city plant. At present they are engaged in building the new Virginia State Library in Richmond.

Appomattox Garden Club to meet this afternoon.

Phone 30 with Personals.

Clean-Up Week April 1—6.

Speaker Ashton Dovel announces will not run for re-election.

Attend church regularly.

We want YOU as a subscriber to the Home County Newspaper!

Look out for the cold germ!

Whoa! Don't try to pass a car when rounding a curve or blind hill

Mental exercise has its importance even as physical exercise.

Claim farm exports are hurt by the war in Europe.

Leipzig world fair opens with 18 neutrals represented.

Celebrates Birthday On February 29th

Audrey Bergman celebrated her birthday on February 29th at her home near Gladstone. The birthday cake was beautifully decorated in white and pink and had 12 pink candles. Games, stunts and contests furnished entertainment for all. She received many beautiful and useful gifts.

Those present were: Misses Thelma Webb, Nellie Turnes and Hugh W. Brown, Paul Capello, Charlie Thomas, Thomas Wallace, H. W. Taylor, Jr., Layra Quinn, Roger and Bishop Miller, Carl and Ann Taylor, Sallie Williams, Avis Tucado, Jean and Elsie Moore, Lucile Phelps, Roberta Gardner, Barbara Smith, Marguerite Moore, Elaine Phelps, Mr. and Mrs. Richard F. Smith, and Richard F., Jr., Eleanor Smith and Eloise Smith and Miss Vivian Clarke.

A delicious fruit punch and cake were served. Each guest was given a bag of popcorn. Audrey has received numerous cards and letters containing greetings from others who had a birthday on February 29.

Vera

Miss Ola Carter, of Lynchburg, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thornton Carter.

Tobacco News

Farmers in the dark tobacco belt should be greatly encouraged from a rumor being circulated by Washington that the French would resume buying America, dark tobacco.

France was formerly a formidable customer, but has not bought dark tobacco recently in large quantities.

HOLLYWOOD'S DIZZY "MARRY-GO-ROUND"

Arthur ("Bugsy") Barr, famous Hollywood columnist, wonders over several reasons that movie stars give for falling off the matrimonial carousel. One of many interesting features in the March 17th issue of

The American Weekly

The big magazine distributed with the **PALTIMORE AMERICAN**

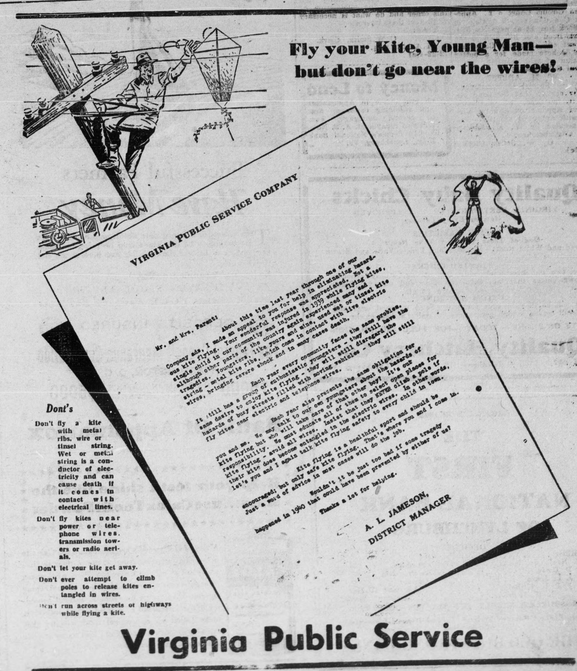
On Sale at All Newsstands

Red army occupies Viipuri.

Town Council met Monday night.

County board of supervisors will meet next Wednesday morning.

Fly your Kite, Young Man—
but don't go near the wires!



Virginia Public Service